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**GIFFORDS SHOT****January 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Karen Brown reports from Tucson on how authorities say the gunman targeted Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Six people were killed, including a nine-year-old girl, and a judge.

**CONGRESSWOMAN RESOLUTION****January 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joel Brown reports on more of the tragedy in Tucson. The House today passed a resolution to honor the victims and the heroes. It's been an emotional day on Capitol Hill, as lawmakers shared their stories of Congresswoman Giffords.

**NATIONAL MLK DAY****January 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joel Brown reports that as we observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, this year also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federal holiday. We take a look at how America celebrates King's legacy, starting with the President.

**STATE OF THE UNION****January 25, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that "win the future" is the phrase that will be remembered from President Obama's second state of the union speech tonight. It was an address delivered to a joint session of Congress that's very different politically and emotionally.

**EGYPT TONIGHT****February 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that after more than a week of angry protests, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak now says he won't seek re-election. But he is staying put until new elections can be held, and demonstrators are furious.

**REAGAN CENTENNIAL****February 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Murphy reports that more than a thousand people came together to honor President Ronald Reagan on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**LABOR BATTLE****February 19, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cynthia Bowers reports that the Wisconsin budget battle has taken a new turn to the right. State workers and their pro-labor supporters say the Governor's trying to bust their union. But after days of protests, Governor Scott Walker today received new support from tea party activists.

**SOLIS ON WORKERS****February 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that former L.A. Congresswoman and current Labor Secretary Hilda Solis is accusing Republican governors of turning back the clock on workers' rights.

**VERNON CITYHOOD FLAP****March 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the battle over the cityhood of Vernon has turned into a bitter and expensive debate. Charges are flying back and forth, pitting city officials and many local businesses on one side, and the Assembly speaker and some clean government activists on the other.

**L.A. ELECTIONS****March 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that the election results are in! Nine out of the 10 measures and propositions on the ballot for the city of Los Angeles passed. They include measures to increase DWP oversight, give more money to libraries and tax medical marijuana shops.

**JAPAN CRISIS****March 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Japan continues taking critical steps to prevent a nuclear meltdown at a power plant northeast of Tokyo. But now, its military announced no more aerial water drops, in the mission to cool the damaged reactors.

**LOCAL LIBYANS****March 25, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from Santa Ana with a look at how Libyans living in Southern California are closely watching the crisis back home. They fear for their people, as Muammar Qaddafi wages a relentless campaign to crush the opposition.

**CONRAD MURRAY****January 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on how the testimony today was disturbing—about just what went on as Michael Jackson lay dying. Today prosecutors began laying out their case as to why Doctor Conrad Murray should stand trial for the crime.

**CONGRESSWOMAN SHOT****January 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kendis Gibson reports live from Tucson to recap a very emotional day. President Obama spoke at a memorial service in Tucson tonight, where he delivered some very good news from the bedside of wounded Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. We're also learning more about the suspect in the shooting rampage.

**COP SHOT WOODLAND HILLS****January 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Woodland Hills with the latest on the search for a shooter who is still on the run. But there are a lot more eyes looking for him tonight, now that there's a sketch of the attempted killer. And police hope an 80-thousand dollar reward will prompt some loose lips and valuable tips.

**BLACK WIDOW MURDER****January 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports on a murder case that's captured worldwide attention, and is now center stage in a Torrance courtroom. Today, two men accused of killing the so-called 'Lomita Black Widow' went on trial. It's a complicated crime involving murder, marriage and money.

**PICO RIVERA SKETCH****February 3, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Kent Shocknek reports a warning this afternoon, as the search expands for a man who sexually assaulted a woman in Pico Rivera, and slashed her face with a knife.

**ROBBERY AND SHOOTING****February 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from South L.A. with the crime that has taken on new urgency. A father gunned down in a cold-blooded kill—shot in the back several times for no apparent reason. Tonight, detectives are looking for the gunman.

**UNSOLVED MURDER****February 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports on how the strange murders of two men in Studio City have been baffling police for almost a decade. But now, detectives hope a reward will help them figure out who's behind the murder case that involves a playmate, jewels and a convicted Wall Street trader.

**EATON CANYON BODY****February 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Nicole Gonzales reports live from the scene of breaking news—a body discovered tonight in the area of Eaton Canyon Park. The scene is along a fire road in the park, which is located at the base of Mount Wilson.

**COOKIE MOM STOLEN CASH****March 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Lancaster with an exclusive interview with a devastated mother and daughter. A Girl Scout mom, robbed at gunpoint. The thief got away with the money her eight-year-old daughter earned selling hundreds of boxes of cookies.

**OC TEACHER TROUBLE****March 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from Mission Viejo with details on an Orange County teacher who is under investigation tonight, after sixth grade students complained about bizarre and inappropriate behavior in the classroom.

**LAPD IMPOUND POLICY****March 14, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that the LAPD is changing its procedure of impounding cars at sobriety checkpoints, after activists complained illegal immigrants were being targeted.

**JEWELRY MART INCIDENT****March 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from downtown, with the latest on a developing story. Police have just called off the manhunt for a suspect after a robbery at the downtown jewelry mart. Two others are already under arrest.

### **ALCOHOL AND EXERCISE**

#### **January 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a new study shows that people who consume alcohol regularly, exercise more than people who don't drink at all. Researchers say they didn't expect those results at all. They believe people who indulge in drinking also watch their weight, and exercise out of guilt.

### **SLEEP APNEA FIX**

#### **January 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that many people who suffer from sleep apnea don't even know it. But now there is an inexpensive way to find out if your snoring is an indication of a health problem.

### **TONSILS SURGERY**

#### **January 17, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports that every year, half a million kids have their tonsils removed. But that surgery may be unnecessary for some. There are new guidelines that are helping doctors and parents make better decisions about who needs surgery and who doesn't.

### **MENOPAUSE**

#### **January 28, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the symptoms of menopause could mean a lower risk of breast cancer. New research says women who have hot flashes and other symptoms of menopause might have a 50% lower risk of developing breast cancer, compared to those who never get symptoms.

### **FREEZING FAT**

#### **February 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Ashley Morrison reports on the idea of 'freezing your fat'. If your belly and love handles are bugging you, there's apparently a new way to look slimmer. We take a look at how this fat-freezing procedure works.



**COCHLEAR IMPLANTS****February 10, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kirsten McIntyre reports on a harsh reality for many Americans. As they age, they begin to lose their hearing. For some, hearing aids are enough to help. But other are finding hope through a transplanted device.

**HEART GUIDELINES****February 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that the American Heart Association now says women who have complications during pregnancy might have a greater risk of heart disease than once thought. We outline the information every woman needs to know.

**CELL PHONE & BRAIN****February 22, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on how for years, we've been warned our cell phones could cause brain damage. Now a new medical study is raising new questions in the ongoing debate.

**TEEN TANNING BEDS****March 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor David Gonzales reports that doctors say tanning beds should be illegal for teens! The American Academy of Pediatrics is pushing for new laws that would ban teens from using public tanning salons. Since 1992, the increase in cases of melanoma in young women has gone up 3% every year.

**CANCER RESEARCH****March 8, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that there is remarkable progress in the fight against some forms of cancer that are difficult to detect. Scientists at UCLA are zeroing in on a protein that could change the way patients are treated.

**PARKINSON'S TREATMENT****March 17, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that 1.5 million Americans are living with Parkinson's. Now, there could be a breakthrough in the treatment of the disease.

**LAUGHTER YOGA****March 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on the power of laughter. Humor can be as catchy as a cold, but it's much better for you, according to a new study. We take a look at a unique yoga class where a good laugh is the best medicine.

### **SHOOTING VIGIL WALK**

**January 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on how hundreds of people marched tonight in Redlands to remember two teenagers gunned down last week. The murders have taken a huge toll on the small community. Clergy and police organized the walk and vigil to try to begin the healing process.

### **MLK PARADE**

**January 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports that today the country celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the legacy the civil rights leader left behind for generations to learn from. An event was hosted by the San Fernando Valley African American Leadership Organization.

### **NFL HISPANICS**

**January 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports that as Los Angeles works to attract an NFL team, the NFL is working to attract millions of Hispanic viewers, and their money. And one of the key players in that plan is a former USC star.

### **TEMECULA MOSQUE APPROVED**

**January 26, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that construction could begin this summer on a mosque in Temecula. The city council there just approved the project. Hundreds of people turned out at last night's council meeting, and many of them were there to convince the council that they didn't want the mosque in the community.

### **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

**February 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sibila Vargas reports that L.A. police are trying to keep children safe on their way to and from school. Today they staged a crosswalk safety operation in the San Fernando Valley.

**REAGAN 100<sup>TH</sup>****February 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Bill Whitaker reports that more than a thousand people packed the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley today, for a special ceremony honoring the legacy of America's 40<sup>th</sup> President. He would have turned 100 today.

**UCLA PROFESSORS****February 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on the question of, would you work for free? Most of us wouldn't, or couldn't. But two professors at UCLA are doing exactly that—instead of getting let go because of budget cuts, they agreed to stay for free. And in the process, they're teaching their students about a lot more than just the class they signed up for.

**YMCA REBUILT****February 24, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how an extreme makeover is underway in South L.A. today. They are rebuilding hope, and the 28<sup>th</sup> Street YMCA.

**HOMELESS CAMP****March 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports that police needed bulldozers and a dump truck to haul away an estimated 12 tons of junks from a homeless encampment in a riverbed in Ventura. Some of the makeshift homes in the Santa Clara riverbed just east of Harbor Boulevard had been there for quite some time.

**DEAD SURFER TRIBUTE****March 18, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Grace Lee reports on how the surfing community is remembering big wave surfer Sion Milosky. He died in northern California at Mavericks on Wednesday. We take a look at how he's being remembered by family and friends in Hawaii.

**PLACENTIA TREES****March 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports that a local city admits it owns trees that need to be trimmed, but it refuses to cut them back. Instead, the city of Placentia, in Orange County, says residents have to pay the cost.

**HISPANIC GROWTH****March 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports on some surprising new findings in the new Census figures. They show the Hispanic population in the U.S. grew faster and spread farther than anyone predicted.

**SIERRA MADRE GREEN****January 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that residents in Sierra Madre are concerned tonight. The city is under a green flag alert in advance of the oncoming rain. And with the hills already saturated, there's always the potential for mudslide.

**BIRD NECROPSY****January 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Martin Savage reports on how the investigation into those mass bird deaths is moving into a new phase. Scientists are now looking for a connection between thousands of birds that dropped dead in the sky in Arkansas, and hundreds discovered dead in Louisiana, all on New Year's Eve.

**ARCADIA TREES****January 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports live from Arcadia, on the story of bulldozers cutting down acres of ancient oak groves in the San Gabriel Mountains, all to make room for an L.A. County dam project. But some protesters have climbed up in the oaks and sycamores, in a last-ditch effort to save the trees.

**TREE FLAP****January 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Mark Sayre reports that environmental activists in the city of Menlo Park are upset with a plan to plant more trees. The city wants to combat carbon emissions. But the activists fear a certain bird species could be harmed by the move.

**SMOG-EATING TILES****February 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Greg Mills reports on how you can help the environment by purchasing a new home. Putting a roof over your head could prove to be great for the air we breathe.

**POISON TOWN****February 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Seth Doane reports on a story unfolding right now in the former mining community of Libby, Montana. It sounds like an environmental horror story from another country and another time. But it's a town so polluted by a toxic mine, that its residents are dying by the hundreds.

**FOOTHILL BURN AREA****February 18, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Ed Lawrence reports live from La Crescenta, where there is grave concern about flooding and debris flows in the burn areas. This as people living in the foothills are certainly on edge right now. It's going to be a cold, wet and scary night for them.

**BOLIVIA MUDSLIDE****February 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that there has been some sudden seismic activity in the Bolivian capital, and it has unleashed a massive mudslide.

**JAPAN QUAKE TSUNAMI****March 11, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that it's now 8 a.m. Saturday in Tokyo, and this was the strongest earthquake to ever hit Japan, and the fifth largest in the past 100 years. We are monitoring the latest developments.

**U.S. PREPAREDNESS****March 14, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports that there are 104 nuclear power reactors in the U.S., and plans are underway to build at least 20 more. Now, the disaster in Japan is raising safety questions for some of those facilities. And here in L.A., we sit between two of them.

**JAPAN NUCLEAR CRISIS****March 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that there is a new and even greater danger from the nuclear crisis triggered by last week's earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Concern has shifted from the dangerously overheated reactors, to the rising temperatures in the pools holding 'spent fuel rods'.

**QUAKE STUDY****March 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports on the question of whether the earth could be sending out warning signals before major quakes. An Orange County scientist believes it does. We speak with the Chapman University researcher about his fascinating theory.



**FACEBOOK MOM****January 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on how Facebook may be foreign to some parents, but chances are good that their children are using it right now! We interview Linda Fogg Phillips in studio, to answer some of the big questions parents have about Facebook. Linda is the author of the book, "Facebook for Parents".

**NEW LAUSD SUPERINTENDENT****January 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that tonight the L.A. Unified School District has a new leader. But his credentials are being called into question.

**TAXES SCHOOLS****January 17, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kevin Riggs reports that it's no secret California's schools are having money trouble. Although Governor Jerry Brown is sparing education K through 12 in his budget proposal, we examine how there is no guarantee schools won't face budget cuts.

**KIDS AND 3D****January 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kendis Gibson reports on how 3D movies and video games are a hot technology, especially among kids. But some children have complained of headaches and even vision problems. We take a closer look at the effect 3D may have on kids.

**PICKY EATERS SUGGESTIONS****February 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Minna Rhee reports that for a lot of parents, picky eaters can make mealtime a challenge, but it doesn't have to be that way. We show how one mom is getting her children to eat healthy, nutritious foods.

**INFANT SOLIDS OBESITY****February 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that giving your baby solid food too soon, could put your child on the road to obesity later in life! That's the finding of a new study out of Children's Hospital Boston.

**LAUSD LAYOFFS****February 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports on some developing news. The people in charge of L.A.'s schools just made a crucial decision. With a 400-million dollar budget gap looming, the school board just authorized layoff warnings for more than 5,000 employees.

**FEVERS IN CHILDREN****February 28, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that fever is one of the most common reasons parents call the pediatrician. But a new report may help parents get over their 'fever phobia'.

**GEO STALKING****March 1, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Julie Mathews reports on how most digital cameras have so many features that many people have no idea how to work them. Many also have no idea that one of those features could lead a predator straight to their children. We examine the dangers of geo-stalking.

**OBAMAS BULLYING****March 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that bullying has become such a widespread problem, the Obama administration is devoting a whole day to the topic at the White House tomorrow. Today, President Obama and the First Lady spoke about tomorrow's agenda.

**KINDNESS OF KIDS****March 18, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Mark Strassman reports that the kindness of kids is on full display following the disaster in Japan. We take a look at how children here in the U.S. are trying to help quake and tsunami survivors overseas.

**AUTISM ART SHOW**

**March 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports on how talented students at a special school are getting a chance to show off their artwork in Santa Monica this weekend.

## **HIDDEN TAXES**

### **January 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jonas Tichenor reports that if you make purchases online or through catalogs, you may be cheating on your taxes. The State Board of Equalization says Californians are cheating the state out of 1.1 billion dollars in use tax.

## **CONSUMER ELECTRONICS**

### **January 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that it's 'techie heaven' in Las Vegas, for the Consumer Electronics Show. One of the newer trends there is the 3D TV. But is it a trend that's here to stay?

## **CONSUMER PRICE RISE**

### **January 16, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cynthia Bowers reports that the cost of food and fuel has gone up at the fastest rate in a year and a half. So what's behind the soaring prices at the grocery store and gas stations? We take a look.

## **CILANTRO RECALL**

### **January 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports a warning tonight from state health officials, that certain fresh cilantro sold in grocery stores may be contaminated with salmonella.

## **DISCOUNT GROCERY STORES**

### **February 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Susan Koeppen reports that according to a recent survey, one-third of Americans say they have trouble affording their groceries. And because of that, discount grocery stores are getting more popular.

**SPENDING VALENTINES****February 13, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that even though they say you can't buy love, lots of romantics will be trying to tomorrow. With improvements in the economy, Americans are expected to drop more cash on their loved ones this year.

**IKEA CRIB RECALL****February 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on an important recall this afternoon. It comes just one day after we told you about the alarming number of children rushed to emergency rooms each year with crib-related injuries. This afternoon, IKEA is recalling their 'Sniglar' baby crib.

**PRODUCE RISING PRICE****February 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that gas isn't the only thing you're going to pay more for. The costs of fruits and vegetables are going up, too. That's because it's costing growers more to produce the food.

**ORDER YOUR LAB TESTS****March 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that many people are now saving money on medical tests by ordering their own, instead of having the doctor's office do it. If you order your own medical tests, experts say it's important to make sure the lab you use is accredited.

**LOCAL GAS PRICES****March 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports on how if you filled up your car, truck or SUV this weekend, you probably felt the pain at the pump! Gas prices in the Southland have hit their highest level in two and a half years. Right now, we are paying more for gas than anyone else in the country.

**GOVERNOR STATE BUDGET****March 16, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight the California state legislature began voting on pieces of Governor Jerry Brown's controversial budget package. Both the state Senate and Assembly passed various pieces of the Brown plan, which contains more than \$12 billion in cuts.

**CA JOBLESS RATE****March 25, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports a sign of hope tonight for our state's battered economy. California's Department of Finance reports that the unemployment rate dropped last month. The state added nearly 100-thousand new jobs in February, the biggest monthly increase in more than 20 years.